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## **KC MAN SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring with others to distribute cocaine.

**Craig Norton Glazer**, 48, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to three years of probation, which includes three months in a halfway house followed by three months of home detention, plus a fine of \$5,000 plus interest.

On March 5, 2002, **Glazer** pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to distribute cocaine in Jackson County and elsewhere from January 1999 to late June 2001. **Glazer** was distributing cocaine freely among his friends, Graves said, rather than selling for profit.

**Glazer** is among 15 defendants charged in various counts of a five-count indictment for conspiring to distribute cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy, which was returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Mo., on September 18, 2001. Of the other 14 defendants in the case, Graves said, 13 have been convicted and sentenced and one remains a fugitive.

### **Additional co-defendants**

\* **Norma Diaz**, 29, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced to 1 year, 5 months in prison without parole on July 25, 2002.

\* **Zachary Ontiveros**, 28, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced to 5 years in prison without parole on July 25, 2002.

\* **Mondell Desean Pitts**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to 2 years in prison without parole on July 25, 2002.

\* **Charles Henry Moore**, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to 3 years, 1 month in prison without parole on July 25, 2002.

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\* **Anthony M. Cardello**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to 3 years, 10 months in prison without parole on July 25, 2002.

\* **Caesar V. Vaca**, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to seven years, six months in prison without parole on June 21, 2002.

\* **Russell L. Trejo**, 33, of Gladstone, Mo., was sentenced to two years, six months in prison without parole on June 6, 2002.

\* **Joseph C. Moretina**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced on June 4, 2002 to five years, 10 months in prison without parole.

\* **William J. Wheeling**, 25, of Mission, Kan., was sentenced to six months in prison without parole on June 4, 2002.

\* **Vincent Vaca**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., Caesar Vaca's brother, was sentenced to two years, six months in prison without parole on April 4, 2002.

\* **Micco L. Freeman**, 26, of Shawnee, Kan., was sentenced to two years, one month in prison without parole on April 24, 2002.

\* **Christopher Scott Baird**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to three years, 10 months in prison without parole on April 4, 2002.

\* **Binh Thai Tran**, 26, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced on July 11, 2002, to 90 days in prison without parole. That sentence reflected credit for nine months already served in prison on related state charges. **Tran** will be returned to the Missouri Department of Corrections upon completion of his federal sentence, in order to serve the remainder of his sentences in the state system. When released he will serve an additional three year term of federal supervision.

\* **Edgar Noe Gandara**, 25, of Kansas City, Kan., remains a fugitive.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. It was investigated by the FBI, with assistance from the Kansas City, Mo., and Overland Park, Kan., police departments and the Johnson County, Kan., Sheriff's Department.

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